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GENERAL

1. Views of Satellite diplomats on US-USSR relations--US
Ambassador Smith in Moscow transmits from the Italian Ambassador the following informally-expressed views of the Rumanian and Polish envoys to the USSR: (a) hostilities between the US and the USSR are inevitable; (b) such conflict will probably not occur for a period of 5 to 25 years but unforeseen developments might precipitate it sooner; and (c) the present Soviet trend toward "a softer line" is a tactical maneuver that will be followed by a resumption of the "cold war" following the US presidential elections. Smith comments that both the Rumanian and the Polish ambassadors are Communists and are accurate observers "within the limits imposed by the party line."

EUROPE

2. GREECE: Griswold warns against "peace propaganda"--
AMAG Chief Griswold reports that the Greek Army will soon launch an offensive designed to defeat the guerrillas decisively during 1948. He believes that, in the light of recent guerrilla peace feelers, the army offensive will provoke sensational Communist charges that "American imperialists and the Athens Monarcho-Fascists want war and bloodshed" while Markos' followers are actively seeking peace. Griswold warns that the objective of such propaganda will be to divide and confuse the supporters of US aid to Greece at the very moment of the greatest chance of success. He emphasizes that an offer to negotiate a peace between the Greek Government and Markos on an international level should be rejected because "it is essential that the liquidation of this problem be found within the framework of the authority of the Greek sovereign state."

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